

Claim Listing:

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Listing of Claims:

1. (previously presented): A computerized method of operating an e-mail-invoked application server comprising the steps of:
 - receiving an incoming e-mail message from a sender utilizing a network, wherein the incoming e-mail includes content and a destination address having an address format;
 - determining which application of a plurality of applications available on the e-mail-invoked application server will accept the incoming e-mail for processing by comparing the address format of the destination address to acceptable address formats defined by the applications;
 - refusing the incoming e-mail when it is determined that no application will accept the incoming e-mail for processing; and
 - invoking at least one of the plurality of applications to process the content of the incoming e-mail when it is determined that the address format of the destination address is one of the acceptable address formats defined by the at least one application.
2. (previously presented): A method as recited in claim 1, further including the step of storing at least a portion of the incoming e-mail message in a database.
3. (previously presented): A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the at least one application is selected from the group consisting of a lead tracking application, a job requisitioning application, an event planning application, a task list management application, a project management application, and an accountability application.
4. (previously presented): A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the at least one application invoked by the incoming email generates a reply to the incoming e-mail message to advance the processing of a task.

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5. (previously presented): A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the at least one application summarizes an interaction between one or more users of the e-mail-invoked application server.

6. (original): A method as recited in claim 5, wherein a task list is generated to summarize the interaction.

7. (canceled).

8. (previously presented): A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the at least one application invoked by the incoming email generates an event to advance the processing of a task.

9. (previously presented): A method as recited in claim 2, wherein a reply to the e-mail message is utilized to generate another e-mail message to obtain information for the database.

10. (canceled).

11. (previously presented): A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the e-mail message includes an attachment.

12. (previously presented): A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the incoming e-mail message has one or more attributes, and further comprising steps of:
generating an index based on the one or more attributes of the incoming e-mail message; and
storing the index in a database.

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13. (previously presented): A method as recited in claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

- storing the incoming email message in a database;
- categorizing the content of the incoming e-mail message into one or more categories, and
- permitting retrieval of information from the database according to at least one of the one or more categories.

14. (canceled).

15. (previously presented): A computer program embodied on a computer readable medium for operating an e-mail-invoked application server, comprising:

- a code segment for receiving an incoming e-mail message from a sender utilizing a network, wherein the incoming e-mail includes content and a destination address having an address format;
- a code segment for determining which application of a plurality of applications available on the e-mail-invoked application server will accept the incoming e-mail for processing by comparing the address format of the destination address to acceptable address formats defined by the applications;
- a code segment for refusing the incoming e-mail when it is determined that no application will accept the incoming e-mail for processing; and
- a code segment for invoking at least one of the plurality of applications to process the content of the incoming e-mail when it is determined that the address format of the destination address is one of the acceptable address formats defined by the at least one application.

16. (previously presented): A computer program as recited in claim 15, further including the step of storing at least a portion of the incoming e-mail message in a database.

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17. (previously presented): A computer program as recited in claim 15, wherein the at least one application is selected from the group consisting of a lead tracking application, a job requisitioning application, an event planning application, a task list management application, a project management application, and an accountability application.

18. (previously presented): A computer program as recited in claim 15, wherein the at least one application invoked by the incoming e-mail generates a reply to the incoming e-mail message to advance the processing of a task.

19. (previously presented): A computer program as recited in claim 15, wherein the at least one application summarizes the interaction between one or more users of the e-mail-invoked application server.

20. (original): A computer program as recited in claim 19, wherein a task list is generated to summarize the interaction.

21. (canceled).

22. (previously presented): A computer program as recited in claim 15, wherein the at least one application invoked by the incoming e-mail generates an event to advance the processing of a task.

23. (previously presented): A computer program as recited in claim 16, wherein a reply to the e-mail message is utilized to generate another e-mail message to obtain information for the database.

24. (canceled)

25. (previously presented): A computer program as recited in claim 15, wherein the e-mail message includes an attachment.

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26. (previously presented): A computer program as recited in claim 15, wherein the incoming e-mail message has one or more attributes, and further comprising:
 a code segment for generating an index based on the one or more attributes of the incoming e-mail message; and
 a code segment for storing the index in a database.

27. (previously presented): A computer program as recited in claim 15, further comprising:
 a code segment for storing the incoming e-mail message in a database;
 a code segment for categorizing the content of the incoming email message into one or more categories; and
 a code segment for permitting retrieval of information from the database according to at least one of the one or more categories.

28. (canceled).

29. (previously presented): A system for operating an e-mail-invoked application server, comprising:
 logic for receiving an incoming e-mail message from a sender utilizing a network, wherein the incoming e-mail includes content and a destination address having an address format;
 logic for determining which application of a plurality of applications available on the e-mail-invoked application server will accept the incoming e-mail for processing by comparing the address format of the destination address to acceptable address formats defined by the applications;
 logic for refusing the incoming e-mail when it is determined that no application will accept the incoming e-mail for processing; and
 logic for invoking at least one application to process the content of the incoming e-mail when it is determined that the address format of the destination address is one of the acceptable address formats defined by the at least one application.

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30. (previously presented): A system as recited in claim 29, further including logic for storing at least a portion of the incoming e-mail message in a database.

31. (previously presented): A system as recited in claim 29, wherein the at least one application is selected from the group consisting of a lead tracking application, a job requisitioning application, an event planning application, a task list management application, a project management application, and an accountability application.

32. (previously presented): A system as recited in claim 29, wherein the at least one application invoked by the incoming e-mail generates a reply to the incoming e-mail message to advance the processing of a task.

33. (previously presented): A system as recited in claim 29, wherein the at least one application summarizes the interaction between one or more users of the e-mail-invoked application server.

34. (original): A system as recited in claim 33, wherein a task list is generated to summarize the interaction.

35. (canceled).

36. (previously presented): A system as recited in claim 29, wherein the at least one application invoked by the incoming e-mail generates an event to advance the processing of a task.

37. (previously presented): A system as recited in claim 30, wherein a reply to the e-mail message is utilized to generate another e-mail message to obtain information for the database.

38. (canceled)

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39. (previously presented): A system as recited in claim 29, wherein the e-mail message includes an attachment.

40. (previously presented): A system as recited in claim 29, wherein the incoming e-mail message has one or more attributes, and further comprising:
 logic for generating an index based on the one or more attributes of the incoming e-mail message; and
 logic for storing the index in a database.

41. (previously presented): A system as recited in claim 29, further comprising:
 logic for storing the incoming email message in a database;
 logic for categorizing the content of the incoming e-mail message into one or more categories; and
 logic for permitting retrieval of information from the database according to at least one of the one or more categories.

42. (canceled).

43. (previously presented): A method as recited in claim 11 wherein the step of invoking at least one application is responsive to the attachment.

44. (previously presented): A computer program as recited in claim 25 wherein the code segment for invoking at least one application is responsive to the attachment.

45. (previously presented): A system as recited in claim 39 wherein the logic for invoking at least one application is responsive to the attachment.

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46. (previously presented): A method as recited in claim 1 wherein one of the acceptable address formats defined by the plurality of applications is data@host.domain, wherein domain indicates a domain name of the e-mail-invoked application server, host indicates an application available in the domain, and data indicates information provided by the sender.

47. (previously presented): A computer program as recited in claim 15 wherein one of the acceptable address formats defined by the plurality of applications is data@host.domain, wherein domain indicates a domain name of the e-mail-invoked application server, host indicates an application available in the domain, and data indicates information provided by the sender.

48. (previously presented): A system as recited in claim 29 wherein one of the acceptable address formats defined by the plurality of applications is data@host.domain, wherein domain indicates a domain name of the e-mail-invoked application server, host indicates an application available in the domain, and data indicates information provided by the sender.

49. (previously presented): A method as recited in claim 1 further including the steps of
determining a recipient email address of an actual recipient of the incoming e-mail; and
transmitting the incoming e-mail message to the recipient email address utilizing the network.

50. (previously presented): A computer program as recited in claim 15 further including
a code segment for determining a recipient email address of an actual recipient of the incoming e-mail; and
a code segment for transmitting the incoming e-mail message to the recipient email address utilizing the network.

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51. (previously presented): A system as recited in claim 29 further including logic for determining a recipient email address of an actual recipient of the incoming e-mail; and logic for transmitting the incoming e-mail message to the recipient email address utilizing the network.